

VINCENT STEVENSON SAYS CONDITION OF PENNSYLVANIA'S ATHLETICS IS DEPLORABLE

OUTSIDE INFLUENCES HAVE NO PLACE IN ATHLETICS OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

If Stevenson's Claims of "Frat Politics" Are True, the Time Is Ripe for "House Cleaning" at University of Pennsylvania

ATHLETIC conditions at Pennsylvania are being controlled, partially or wholly by fraternities, and if politics are being played in the election and appointment of athletic committees, as Vincent Stevenson says, it is time that the evil were stamped out.

There is no place in athletics or in college life for fraternity influence which is not exercised for the good of the institution. Too much "Frat politics" has ruined athletics at other institutions and will surely do so at Penn if the evil exists, as claimed.

Small Percentage of Students Belong to "Frats" Not more than 25 per cent. of the student body at any of the larger institutions of the East are fraternity members and it is unreasonable to suppose that all the athletic material at Penn is confined to certain fraternities.

Many Believe Stevenson Is Right Many have voiced the same sentiments expressed by Stevenson, but contend that there is no way to overcome the evil if it does exist.

An athletic team which bears the name of a university should be a representative one, composed from the pick of the institution and not from a small percentage, as will be the case if fraternities are permitted to control athletics.

Many Professionals Made So Unwittingly Now that the poor amateur athlete is being discussed, analyzed and almost dissected by various intercollegiate bodies, may we submit the following for their consideration and explanation?

One of the cardinal principles of amateur law is that an amateur who knowingly competes with or against professionals thereby becomes a professional himself. It was on this ground that Columbia University this fall canceled its game with Trinity College because Trinity had in its line-up George Brickley, a former member of the Philadelphia Athletics.

Brown furnishes the second example. The Providence Institution permits its students to play summer baseball for salaries, provided only they do not play with teams under the national agreement, a provision, however, which does not affect their amateurism.

Phillies May Get Stanley Coveleskie The Phillies will probably get Pitcher Stanley Coveleskie, brother of Harry, the Detroit star, if a deal now pending with the Portland Club of the Pacific Coast League is completed.

Jimmy Smith Breaks World's Bowling Record Alex Dunbar, who was the individual bowling champion of Philadelphia for several years, and Jimmy Smith, of New York, who is generally recognized as the greatest money bowler in the world, have returned from their tour of the United States.

Everybody Is Worried About Alex But Moran Scribes from other cities are continually commenting on Alexander's "poor work" in the world's series. Local fans admit that Alexander did not have his usual amount of "stuff" and that they were disappointed when he failed to come back for a third game.

Great Ends Will Clash in McClure-Vinome Game Four great ends will meet in the Vinome-McClure football game on New Year's Day. McClure will have Hunt, of Mercersburg, and Ramsdell, of Penn, while the Vinome ends will be Swartz, the former Central Manual and Lafayette star, and Ralph Mills, who never played anywhere to amount to much.

The Reason for an Offer of Peace At the league meeting recently a National Leaguer was asked why organized ball made peace with the Feds when it "had them beaten to a standstill." He replied: "Well, Indianapolis blew up, Kansas City followed suit and just before peace was made it looked as if another Fed team was going to go.

"KELLY"—THE BACHELOR



NORTHEAST AND GIRARD SOCCER GAME POSSIBLE

Not Too Late to Adjust Difference Between the Two Elevens

SEASON ENDS EARLY

The Northeast High School soccer team demonstrated beyond a doubt that it was by far the best in the interscholastic or interacademic ranks this season, but it would be interesting to pit the interscholastic champions against Girard College.

It is doubtful if Northeast would have much the better of the deal in a game with the college. A game had been arranged between the teams, but Northeast claims that Girard College called it off and the college claims that Northeast did likewise.

Unlike league teams, schools are not confined to Saturdays, and it would be a very easy matter to pick and choose the days on which soccer could be played. It is to be hoped that in another season the school games will be prolonged throughout the winter.

Manager John Bedford, of the Danton Club, announced yesterday that he had signed up Mike Owens, who played with the Tacony team three years ago and was formerly with the Derry Celtic team.

The Feltonville Club of the United League, has challenged the Putnam Club, champions of the first division of the Allied League, to play a game for the amateur championship of the city.

The Selection Committee of the Allied League is not in any way to blame for the poor showing made by the team against the Blue Mountain League at Bethlehem last Saturday.

BETHLEHEM SOCCER TEAM DECIDES NOT TO GO WEST Steel Workers' Plan to Play St. Louis Teams Abandoned

The proposed tour of the Bethlehem soccer team of the Eastern League to St. Louis, Mo., there to play the teams in the St. Louis Soccer League, a professional organization, will not materialize, according to advices from Bethlehem.

ERNEST HJERTBERG Trainer of the Swedish Olympic team, who wants the 1916 Olympic games in Stockholm and an American team to compete.

Seasonable Suggestions

Resolved, That we will follow the example of all successful football managements in the land and adopt a one-man coaching system.—Penn Football Committee.

Resolved, That, if the Phillies repeat, we will not devote columns of space to the weaknesses of the other seven teams.—Out-of-Town Baseball Writers.

Resolved, That I will have both arms amputated in an effort to make my contests interesting.—Willie Hoppe.

Resolved, That henceforth we will give the public more baseball and less conversation.—The Mag-nates.

Resolved, That the saw, "a ball player in hand is worth two in the bushes," is a fallacy.—Connie Mack.

Resolved, That I will never again practice the policy of "Watchful Waiting."—Frank Baker.

Resolved, That hereafter our motto shall be, "a rolling stone gathers no world's series money."—John Lobert and Sherwood Magee.

Resolved, That I will pick my 1916 All-America team from 1916 players.—Walter Camp.

Resolved, That we will never again try to beat a gang at their own game.—Federal Leaguers.

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SWEDEN LIKELY TO GET OLYMPIC GAMES IN 1916

Athletic Organizations in the United States Very Indifferent on Subject

NO INITIATIVE HERE

By EDWARD R. BUSHNELL If Sweden should get the Olympic games for 1916, said to be one of the avowed objects that brought Ernest Hjertberg, their national coach, to this country, it would be a fitting rebuke to America's indifference in not having gotten them long ago.

The games should be held in some form next summer, for it would be a shame to let them go by default, even in the face of so terrible a war as is now consuming Europe.

Could Easily Prepare The idea that this country could not prepare for the games within the time allowed is nonsense. It would not even be necessary to build a stadium, because there are half a dozen in the East large enough to accommodate both athletes and spectators.

Games at Stockholm It should be remembered, too, that in an athletic sense the most important of the neutral countries are not engaged in the fighting. In 1912 the first three countries in the point score were the United States, Sweden and Finland.

TIGERS BEAT YALE IN HOCKEY MATCH Capture First Game of Series at Pittsburgh by Score of 5 to 2

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 29.—The Princeton University hockey team defeated Yale here last night by a score of 5 goals to 2 in the first of a three-game series. The Humphries brothers, Pittsburgh boys, were the stars of the victorious team.

OLYMPIA A. A. Broad & Baldrick NEW YEAR'S AFTERNOON—2:30 King Sanson vs. Bobby McLeod Kid Thomas vs. Charley McCarthy Hal Stewart vs. Stanley Hinkle Eddie Camp vs. Willie Jackson Lew Feudler vs. Willie Brown Joe Welsh vs. Benzy Leonard

STEVENSON SAYS WILLIAMS WILL BE APPOINTED HEAD COACH OF PENN ELEVEN

Famous Quarterback Believes Fraternity Politics Played an Important Part in Elections and Will Influence Football Committee

VINCENT STEVENSON, recognized as the greatest quarterback who ever represented Penn on the gridiron, declared that Dr. Carl Williams will be appointed head coach of the Red and Blue eleven for 1916. Stevenson believes that the student body expressed itself strongly in favor of a change in the present coaching system.

Stevenson believes that Williams will be an excellent head coach if he gives all his time to the team, but that a change is needed regardless of results. The famous quarterback agrees with Williams and "By" Dickson, who contend that any coach with a fair amount of football knowledge and capable assistants will be able to turn out a winning team at Penn next fall with such unusual material.

Need a Change According to Stevenson, Williams has not given the team as much time as is necessary. "Stevie" believes that he would do so if appointed head coach, but a change in system is badly needed and one of the younger element with Hollenback and Bob Fowlser as leading candidates should be considered.

Stevenson contends that fraternities and politics are playing too prominent a part in Pennsylvania's athletic life. He is of the opinion that the student body has caused the student choices to be ignored in the selection of the new football committee.

"Politics played an important part in the recent elections at Penn, as they always have," said Stevenson. "It was apparent when Bill Hollenback polled a remarkable vote and carried almost his entire ticket with him for the directorship of the Athletic Association and was then eliminated by this body appointed by the Football Committee. Bill thinks he still has an excellent chance to be appointed head coach, but I have it from a reliable source that Carl Williams is to be at the helm."

Hollenback's Votes "The unusual student vote for Hollenback expressed the feelings of the undergraduates, but the men who appoint the football coach are governed by stronger influences than student and public sentiment. I hate to think it, but it looks very much to me as if the fraternities had played a most important part in the elections and appointments. Three of the men appointed to the Football Committee are members of the same fraternity which had hoped to elect Graves Williams, of the same 'frat' captain of the eleven.

Personality Counts. "I have always contended that 50 per cent. of the battle in coaching is personality, and I think the coaches made a mistake at Penn last year by not taking advantage of this important point. Dr. Dickson is a man of the Hollenback and Fowlser type, who always makes friends and charms of the players and gets results by doing it, and if Williams is selected, he will be a different type. If Penn had intended to appoint one of the new school as head coach before the holidays, the postponement of the meeting of the football committee will cause much of the enthusiasm of those who desire to change to die down and then it will be an easy matter to appoint the old staff without causing as much resentment as it would if this action was taken at the next meeting of the committee on Carl Williams as the next coach at Penn and you will not go wrong."

JIM SULLIVAN, ENGLISH BOXER, SHOULDER GUN Hero of British Ring Is Fighting With Allies

LONDON, Dec. 28.—One of the boxer heroes of Great Britain just now is Jim Sullivan, the former middleweight champion of England, who is now a private with the Third London Scottish regiment. Jim made his ring debut nine years ago, when he was stopped in the first round by a fellow named Hickman, in a bout at the Wandersland.

Probably no other cruiser who ever attained a title had such tough luck in his early days in the game. Of his first seven contests he won only one of them, and for a time he was a laughing stock.

Baseball Players Retire ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 29.—Chris Oymer and Dave Altier today announced their retirement from baseball, to engage in business. Altier played with the Chicago White Sox.

Hohe Knocked Out MARSHFIELD, Wis., Dec. 29.—Frank Hohe, an Indianapolis, was knocked out in the second round by Billy Minto, of St. Paul, Minn. Hohe, of Marshfield, was the son of James Hohe, of Kenosha, in the first round.

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